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SUBJECT: ROC-CANADIAN URANIUM SUPPLY

REF: 1) TAIPEI 2484, 2) STATE 101698

1. DURING VISIT ERDA TOKYO REP TAIPEI APRIL 22, EMBASSY, TAIPOWER AND CAEC RAISED SUBJECT GOC REFUSAL TO ISSUE EXPORT PERMIT FOR PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED FOR UNENRICHED UF6 TO BE DELIVERED TO OAK RIDGE FOR ENRICHMENT IN 1979.

2. CAEC DIRGEN CHENG HAS WRITTEN TO ERDA AND IAEA. TAIPOWER, ATOMIC POWER DEPT. DIRECTOR CHU HAS RETAINED AND CORRESPONDED WITH ATTORNEY W.O. DOUB OF LEBOEUF, LAMB, LEIBY AND MACRAE AND CORRESPONDED WITH NUS, WASHINGTON, AND GULF MINERALS. DOUB HAS SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH GULF MINERALS ON APRIL 28.

3. CRUX OF PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE WORDING OF LETTER FROM A.T. PRINCE, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD, OTTAWA, CANADA TO A. JANISCH, GULF MINERALS, TORONTO. QUOTE THE ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD, IN CONJUNCTION

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WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE CONTRACT REVIEW

PROCESS, HAS CONSIDERED YOUR URANIUM SALES CONTRACT WITH TAIWAN POWER COMPANY DATED JUNE 10, 1974. UNDER PRESENT GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING SAFEGUARDS, THE AECB CAN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT. WE JUDGE THAT THE NEGOTIATION OF ACCEPTABLE SAFEGUARDS IS, AT BEST, A REMOTE POSSIBILITY AND IS INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY KEEPING THIS CONTRACT UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW. PENDING AN UNLIKELY CHANGE IN THE SAFEGUARDS SITUATION, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT NO FURTHER ACTION ON THIS CONTRACT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE AECB. UNQUOTE.

4. IF NATURE OF PROBLEM IS AS INDICATED IN REF. 2, GOC SHOULD SO STATE. OTHERWISE ROC BELIEVES THAT PUBLICIZED STATEMENT BY GOC EXPLAINING REASON FOR CANCELLATION AS GIVEN IN PRINCE LETTER WILL ADVERSELY PREJUDICE OTHER SUPPLIERS.

5. SCIREP HAS DISCUSSED WITH BOWER, CANADIAN EMBASSY TOKYO, WHO HAS SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM OTTAWA.
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